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ROCKS RETAINING NETS AND THE LIKE, KNOT OBTAINED BY THE
METHOD AND JUNCTION FOR A KNOT OF A RETAINING NET

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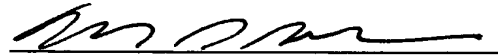
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